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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/381,771	Applicant(s) THOMSEN, ERIK BROGAARD	
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Period for Reply

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 October 1999.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 9-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 9-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 13) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claim 13 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. It is unclear what is meant by "constitutes a foreground, alternatively a frame, alternatively a background. Does applicant mean that the tertiary figurative element is a foreground, frame or background? Claim will be examined as pertaining to the later.

Regarding claim 16, the phrase "such as" renders the claim indefinite because it is unclear whether the limitations following the phrase are part of the claimed invention. See MPEP § 2173.05(d).

Regarding claims 9-16, the phrase "preferably" in claim 1 line 10 renders the claim indefinite because it is unclear whether the limitation(s) following the phrase are part of the claimed invention. See MPEP § 2173.05(d).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 9-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Fontorks, Sanity Font © 1997 Dan Redding & Blue Knot Software (Fontworks). Fontworks discloses an advertisement print (Sanity Font Family) being printed on a plane print carrier (the page) in which print is plane and lies in the same plane as the print carrier (page 2). The print comprises a primary figurative element (in the x-y plane of the page) depicting an advertisement in a first dimension (x) and a second dimension (y). The primary figurative element (in the x-y plane) when seen in a direction perpendicular to the plane of the print carrier constitutes an angle $\alpha + 90$ degrees between the first dimension (x) and second dimension (y). The primary figurative element (in the x-y plane) when seen in a given oblique direction between a viewer and the print shows the first dimension (x) and the second dimension (y) as forming a plane of advertisement. The plane of advertisement is directed obliquely outwards of the plane of the print carrier (page 2, Sanity font). The advertisement print comprises a secondary figurative element (shadow relieved into the background) depicting the advertisement in a third dimension (z). The secondary element (shadow relieved into the background) when seen in a direction perpendicular to the plane print carrier constitutes an angle $\alpha + \beta$ between the first dimension (x) and third dimension (z) and which secondary figurative element (shadow relieved into the background) when seen in the given oblique direction between the viewer and the print shows the third dimension as directed perpendicular to the plane of advertisement being formed by the first (x) and second dimension (y) and that the angles α and β are different from

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0 degrees. The print is made of curable ink cured on the plane print carrier (the dried print on the page). The print is made by printing on a carrier medium (the page).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fontworks in view of Rusin, US No. 5,941,002. Fontworks discloses the claimed invention except for the print carrier being a ground surface. Rusin discloses a ground surface print carrier (i.e. the print carrier is located on the ground for displaying advertisement at a sporting event. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of applicants invention to modify Fontworks with the ground surface print carrier of Rusin in order to display the advertisement at a sporting event.

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6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Enoch E Peavey whose telephone number is 305 1977. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:00 am to 4:30 am.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Anthony Knight can be reached on (703) 308- 3179. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 305 3597 for regular communications and 305 3597 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308 1113.

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